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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PEPR, SW
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE

1. MFA SEC GEN LEIF LEIFLAND HAS ASKED FOR US ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING WHEREABOUTS AND HEALTH CONDITION OF SWEDISH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN DAMASCUS AGNETA BOHMAN. LEIFLAND SAID THAT BOHMAN HAS NOW BEEN PHYSICALLY ATTACKED TWICE BY YOUNG SYRIAN MALE, AGE 18-20, IN THE VICINITY OF HER RESIDENCE, THE FIRST TIME ON SEPTEMBER 1 AND SUBSEQUENTLY ON SEPTEMBER 5. AT LEAST ON THE FIRST OCCASION, BOHMAN WAS "BRUTALLY" RAPED. MFA TODAY UNABLE TO REACH BOHMAN. HER LAST CABLE OF SEPTEMBER 5, WHICH DESCRIBED THE SECOND ASSAULT, INDICATED SHE WAS IN URGENT NEED OF MEDICINE. LEIFLAND WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY DAMASCUS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT BOHMAN, PROVIDING HER WITH REQUIRED MEDICINE IF POSSIBLE, AND CONVEYING LEIFLAND'S INSTRUCTIONS TO HER TO LOCATE IMMEDIATELY TO SAFE QUARTERS, POSSIBLY IN A DAMASCUS HOTEL.

2. LEIFLAND HAD CALLED AMBASSADOR ON SEPTEMBER 3 ON URGENT BASIS ASKING WHETHER EMBASSY DAMASCUS MIGHT CONTACT BOHMAN IN THE WAKE OF THE FIRST ASSAULT ON HER. LEIFLAND CANCELLED THAT REQUEST, HOWEVER, WHEN A CABLE FROM BOHMAN ON SEPTEMBER 3 INDICATED THAT SHE HAD LARGELY RECOVERED FROM THE FIRST INCIDENT. WITH THE SECOND
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OCCURENCE NOW, MFA WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ANYTHING EMBASSY DAMASCUS MIGHT DO FOR BOHMAN.

3. MFA CHIEF, MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS JAN AF SILLEN WILL BE IN DAMASCUS SEPTEMBER 11 (STOCKHOLM 3451). SINCE BOHMAN'S PLIGHT IS OBVIOUSLY OF GREAT AND IMMEDIATE CONCERN, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE EARLIEST ATTEMPTS

TO REACH BOHMAN. PLEASE ADVISE.
KENNEDY-MINOTT

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